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REGULATIONS ON RECEIPT OF FOREIGN GIFT PARCELS

Decree No 31 of the Hungarian Council of Ministers, dated 20 April 1952, regulates the receipt of foreign gift parcels as follows:

Natural persons may receive one 10-kilogram gift parcel a month without an import permit if the parcel contains approved items of food and clothing for the recipient's personal use. However, the maximum total weight of parcels received by one person annually may not exceed 40 kilograms.

Customhouses are not permitted to pass gift parcels addressed to legal persons, or parcels containing commodities in excess of personal needs. Canned, sealed, or otherwise vacuum-packed goods arriving in gift parcels will not be passed.

Unless the clothing in a gift parcel is sterilized, and the parcel contains an official certificate of sterilization the enclosure of which is noted in Hungarian or French on the wrapping, the gift parcel will not be permitted to pass customs inspection.

Current duty rates must be levied on the contents of gift parcels, but five times the regular rates will be levied on items in excess of the permissible quantity.

Parcels containing at least 80 percent of used clothing and not more than 20 percent of other commodities may enter duty-free if the addressee has a duty-exemption certificate showing that duty was paid by the sender. This does not apply to parcels containing colonial produce, nylon and yard goods, luxury items, and the like.

Duty paid by the sender will be 20 cents; duty paid by the recipient, 35 cents per .4536 kilogram. Duty-exemption certificates can be used for gift parcels coming from any foreign country.

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In special cases, all or part of the customs duty may be refunded.

Individuals who deliberately evade or violate the foregoing regulations will be sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in cases involving commodities worth over 5,000 forints. If the violation is not deliberate, or the value of the goods is less than 5,000 forints, the act will be classed as a misdemeanor.

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